

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet(s) of drawings includes changes to Figs 1-4. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1-4, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1-4. The legends of Figs. 1-4 are changed from “Related Art” to “Prior Art.”

Attachment: Replacement sheets

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated March 7, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 11, 12 and 14-16.

By this Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 13. Accordingly, claims 1-16 are currently pending, of which claims 1-10 are withdrawn as the result of an earlier restriction requirement.

In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to because of informalities. The legends of Figs 1-4 are replaced with "Prior Art", as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this objection be withdrawn.

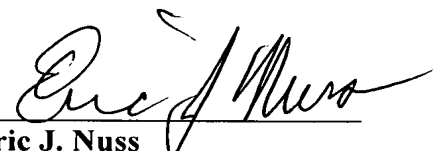
In addition, claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection is now believed to be moot in view of the amendments in claim 13.

Applicants believe the foregoing discussion and amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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